

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON
GREENER HOPKINTON**

**MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 2010**

7:00 pm

In attendance: Mary Leadbeater, Lori Aubertin, Dot LeBaron, Amy Metcalf, Judy Fayre, Bethann McCarthy

Greening the Schools. We discussed GH's assistance to Harold Martin School teachers in improving things such as composting, recycling, purchasing. We agreed this is a good pilot project since there is a group of teachers who are very motivated. Lori Aubertin also suggested contacting Tim Stokes at Maple Street School, because he could use some help at that school as well. We agreed that Tim should receive copies of emails that go out regarding meetings. Lori or one of the other HMS teachers will send out an email to organize a meeting with the teachers that want to be involved and any GH members that also want to be involved.

Energy Committee update - Bethann explained that we are involved in the Technical Energy Assistance Program and are also finishing up the Municipal Energy Assistance Program. Through these programs we have gotten or will receive: an energy audit, assistance with switching from Portfolio Manager to another energy database program (name?) that is more user friendly and also will receive additional assistance in planning for future energy projects. We are working on organizing a meeting in the coming weeks between town staff, GH Energy subcommittee members, one or two selectmen and a representative from Merrimack County Regional Planning Commission, which is involved in the planning stages.

350.org Work Party

We discussed the importance of this Work Party day (October 10, 2010) and agreed that it could be a worthwhile if we are able to find a meaningful project that does not take skilled workers. Bethann said she'd contact the town administrator and Jim O'Brien to see if they have any ideas of projects.

Energy Efficiency Projects in Hopkinton Homes. This is a project that we are exploring that would be similar to the PAREI energy efficiency work and StayWarmNH. Colebrook Energy Committee did this kind of work through the Community Action Program. Bethann has had discussions with Concord area CAP to see if we could do some work in area homes through that agency. We are waiting for a response from the CAP at this time.

Carbon Challenge. We discussed whether this would be a good project for Hopkinton,

and what kind of challenge we might want to participate in. We agreed that we will try and attend the webinar being planned for sometime in September by Clean Air-Cool Planet.

New England Grassroots Environmental Fund. Deadline for grant applications is September 20. We agreed to apply for the following:

E-newsletter subscription - \$255

Carbon Challenge - \$ 100

Energy Efficiency in Homes \$720 (12 x \$60)

Education (movies, speakers, etc) - \$100

Community Garden - \$250

New Business

Pair Per Bag Program. Mary reported that the program is to begin on September 1. A brief discussion ensued about the participation of the haulers (one of the haulers is not participating and is planning to bring trash to the incinerator).

Meeting Ended at 8:15.